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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 WALTER BANNER,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 D.V.I.,

15 Respondent.
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No. 2:20-CV-0563-DMC-P

ORDER

17 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of
18 habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the court is petitioner's petition
19 (ECF No. 1). "A petitioner for habeas corpus relief must name the state officer having custody of
20 him or her as the respondent to the petition." Stanley v. California Supreme Court, 21 F.3d 359,
21 360 (9th Cir. 1994); see also Rule 2(a), Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. Because
22 petitioner has not named the appropriate state officer, petitioner will be provided leave to amend
23 to correct this technical defect by naming the correct respondent. See Stanley, 21 F.3d at 360.
24 Petitioner is warned that failure to comply with this order may result in the dismissal of this
25 action. See Local Rule 110.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus (ECF No. 1) is dismissed with leave to amend;
2. Petitioner shall file an amended petition on the form employed by this court, and which names the proper respondent and states all claims and requests for relief, within 30 days of the date of this order; and
3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send petitioner the court's form habeas corpus application.

Dated: April 27, 2020



DENNIS M. COTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE